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point. And some of those little things that we think might be nice, but they really are not essential, can be laid aside. Issues such as the one embraced by this bill are not of the sort to be laid aside. This government consists of three branches. The Legislature controls the purse strings. And I hope that the members of the Legislature, who recently joined us, were made aware, by Senator Brashear's presentation, of how modest the salaries are of the judges in this state. I acknowledge that in the past, on occasion, I have done some things and taken positions that contributed to that modest amount being so modest. When we are making a new departure, as I believe the current Supreme Court is doing, nothing should be done that will show or evince a lack of confidence in the court, or a lack of appreciation for the value and importance of the work that they do. Everybody in this society who is compensated will do whatever it is he or she does, partly because of the compensation. We do not require that people in government be volunteers. The closest ones, brothers and sisters, to fit that designation are we, we are the ones. But because we cannot get a fair salary is not a reason for us to deny others of a fair salary. As a matter of fact, the injustice of our situation, as far as compensation, the injustice of requiring a vote by the people to amend the constitution to grant us a salary increase is not wholesome for government, it is not wholesome in terms of drawing people to this position whom the public will often say could do a better job than those who are here. If you don't pay a decent amount, you cannot expect to get highly qualified people, especially when they have financial obligations. There was a gentleman named Armand Hammer, he was a financier, he was an industrialist, he was a lover of the arts, and he loved money even more and power. This was a man who could do more in more countries around the world than any head of any government, than the head of any government, even among warring governments. Armand Hammer was the man who could do things. He offered his employees very lucrative salaries. He said the reason he did it was so that he could draw competent people. He would let them know that if they did their work...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...properly, they would be well rewarded. But if they did not do it, there would be no hesitancy in